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Vote NO!! This policy will encourage longer strike times – putting the economy and residents in the crosshairs – we all saw the unintended consequences of COVID-19 unemployment misuse

Employers will be paying for voluntary leave – currently, unemployment pay is for “involuntary” work leave, this forces employers to pay 100% of strikers voluntary work leave – a misuse of the current fund

Will affect government services – this policy also affects government agencies, costing taxpayers millions and putting services such as education, social work, healthcare and more into jeopardy

This strains an already expensive, delicate system – Oregon businesses already pay some of the highest unemployment insurance in the country — not only will this further strain our business community, but it will also strain the unemployment fund for political purposes – taking it from the people who really need it

This bill will make things more expensive and less accessible to Oregonians – experts state this will result in price increases and potential business closures for stores, pharmacies, gas stations, delivery services, grocery stores and more – affecting our most vulnerable community members